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Turkey launches military operation in Syria

Civilians flee Syrian border towns as Turkish warplanes, artillery kick off offensive

Civilians flee with their belongings amid Turkish bombardment on Syria's northeastern town of Ras al-Ain in the Hasakeh province along the Turkish border on October 9, 2019. GETTY IMAGES

Turkey attacked Kurdish militia positions in northeast Syria on Wednesday, pounding them with air strikes and artillery barrages in a cross-border military operation just days after U.S. troops pulled back from the area.

Thousands of people fled the Syrian town of Ras al-Ain toward Hasaka province, held by the Kurdish-led Syrian Democratic Forces. The Turkish air strikes had killed two civilians and wounded two others, the SDF said.

Turkish President Tayyip Erdogan, announcing the start of the action, said the aim was to eliminate what he called a "terror corridor" on Turkey's southern border.

But U.S. President Donald Trump, who ordered the U.S. pullout last week in an abrupt policy shift, said the offensive was "a bad idea" and he did not endorse it. He expected Turkey to protect civilians and religious minorities and to prevent a humanitarian crisis, he said.

> **"The United States does not endorse this attack and has made it clear to Turkey that this operation is a bad idea."**
>
> Donald Trump

"The United States does not endorse this attack and has made it clear to Turkey that this operation is a bad idea," Trump said in a statement released Wednesday morning. "There are no American soldiers in the area. From the first day I entered the political arena, I made it clear that I did not want to fight these endless, senseless wars – especially those that don't benefit the United States."

European countries called on Ankara to halt the operation and Egypt called it "a blatant and unacceptable attack on a brotherly Arab state."

Turkey had been poised to enter northeast Syria since the U.S. troops who had been fighting with Kurdish-led forces against Islamic State started to leave in what Trump critics called a betrayal of Washington's allies.

A Turkish security source told Reuters the military offensive, dubbed "Operation Peace Spring," opened with air strikes. Turkish howitzer fire then hit bases and ammunition depots of the Kurdish YPG militia.

The artillery strikes, which also targeted YPG gun and sniper positions, were aimed at sites far from residential areas, the source said.

World powers fear the Turkish action could open a new chapter in Syria's eight-year-old war and worsen regional turmoil. REUTERS

Two killed in shooting at synagogue in Germany, suspects flee in hijacked car

Two people were killed in shooting attacks on a synagogue and a nearby kebab shop in the eastern German city of Halle on Wednesday and one suspect was arrested, but two others fled in a hijacked a car, officials said.

Amateur video shows shooting in Halle, Germany, October 9, 2019. REUTERS

The violence occurred on Yom Kippur, the holiest day of the calendar in Judaism when Jews fast, seeking atonement. Broadcaster n-tv reported that two people were seriously injured in the attack, in addition to the two killed.

The two suspects on the loose headed out on a motorway that leads to Munich in the country's south, according to the mayor of the town of Landsberg, adjacent to Halle. Gunfire was also heard in Landsberg, Focus Online reported.

A spokeswoman for the Halle municipal government said one shooting took place in front of the synagogue on Humboldt street and its accompanying cemetery, while a second burst of gunfire targeted the kebab bistro in the city in the province of Saxony.

Max Privorozki, Halle's Jewish community chairman, described how a gunman tried to shoot his way into the city's synagogue.

"We saw via the camera system at our synagogue that a heavily-armed perpetrator with a steel helmet and a gun tried to shoot open our doors," he told the Stuttgarter Zeitung newspaper. "The man looked like he was from the special forces.... But our doors held."

"We barricaded the doors from inside and waited for the police," he said, adding that about 70-80 people were inside the Humboldt street synagogue celebrating Yom Kippur.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel's government voiced outrage over the attack on Yom Kippur and urged tougher action against anti-Semitic violence.

"That on the Day of Atonement a synagogue was shot at hits us in the heart," Foreign Minister Heiko Maas wrote on Twitter. "We must all act against anti-Semitism in our country."

The identities of the dead and injured were not immediately known. REUTERS

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Johnson & Johnson ordered to pay $8B

The 26-year-old man grew breasts after taking a J&J manufactured drug.

A Philadelphia jury on Tuesday awarded $8 billion in punitive damages to a man who said he grew breasts after taking a drug manufactured by pharmaceutical giant Johnson & Johnson.

A federal jury said the company must pay $8 billion to the plaintiff in a case involving its anti-psychotic drug Risperdal, a penalty the company and others are confident will not stand.

so incredibly high it's not always clear what their alternative is," said Barry Thompson, a partner at Baker McKenzie law firm who was not involved in the case.

J&J did not have an immediate comment on its legal strategy.

According to a recent filing, J&J faces some 13,400 lawsuits tied to Risperdal, which allege the drug caused a condition called gynecomastia

"Every pharmaceutical company needs to seriously consider if they want to litigate to verdict in the present environment, but with the settlement demands so incredibly high it's not always clear what their alternative is"
Barry Thompson

The man previously won $680,000 over his claims that Johnson & Johnson failed to warn that young men using Risperdal could grow breasts. The plaintiff is 26 years old.

J&J called the sum "grossly disproportionate with the initial compensatory award" and said it was confident it would be overturned.

The company has legal precedent on its side.

A 2003 U.S. Supreme Court decision found that "few awards exceeding a single-digit ratio between punitive and compensatory damages, to a significant degree, will satisfy due process." By that measure, the punitive damages should be more in the neighborhood of $6 million.

Among the clouds hanging over the U.S. healthcare conglomerate are thousands of lawsuits involving Risperdal, baby powder, opioids, medical devices and other products.

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in boys, in which breast tissue becomes enlarged.

Johnson & Johnson paid more than $2.2 billion in 2013 to resolve civil and criminal investigations by the U.S. Department of Justice into its marketing of Risperdal and other drugs.

Earlier this month, the company agreed to pay $20.4 million to settle claims by two Ohio counties, avoiding a federal opioid trial.

$572.1M

An Oklahoma judge in August ordered J&J to pay $572.1 million to that state for its part in fueling the opioid crisis by deceptively marketing addictive painkillers, a sum that was substantially less than investors had expected.

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Overdue library fines might disappear in Philly

The City Council is meeting with the Free Library of Philadelphia to discuss ending overdue fines.

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Library fines might become a thing of the past in Philly.

The Free Library of Philadelphia and the City Council are planning on exploring the option of getting rid of late fees.

Phillymag.com reports they might do away with late fees because it could hurt the low-income residents of the city. They are also considering doing away with outstanding debt.

The City Council passed a non-binding resolution by throwing together a committee to explore if this is feasible or not. City Council member Cherelle Parker proposed the legislation.

> **"These are people that, at the very least, deserve equal access to our city's library system."**
>
> Cherelle Parker

Although it was reportedly on library officials' minds for about a year, some officials are expected to testify during a city council hearing. The Philadelphia Tribune spoke with Kaitlyn Foti, a library spokesperson, and she told them that we "welcome the conversation with City Council to bring more people to the table discussing this possibility."

It was reported that the City Council hearings will investigate which areas of the city are the hardest hit with the fines. According to reports, the resolution states that it is, "highly probable that the people who continue to be most negatively impacted by library fines in Philadelphia include lower-income individuals and immigrants. These are people that, at the very least, deserve equal access to our city's library system."

$400K

Additionally, Phillymag.com reported that the public library system collects around $400,000 in fines per year.

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In 2013, the system added a fine-free library card for kids who are under 12.

Philly could be taking some inspiration from Chicago, which announced that they have eliminated late book fees. Chicago is the largest city to do so, but other cities around the United States have done the same successfully.

It was reported that Parker is expecting to hold a hearing before the end of the council's legislative session on December 12.

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2020 presidential candidate Joe Biden campaigning in New Hampshire. GETTY

Biden calls for Trump impeachment as U.S. partisan fight deepens

Biden breaks silence over Ukraine controversy.

U.S. Democratic presidential contender Joe Biden called for the impeachment of his potential 2020 election foe Donald Trump for the first time on Wednesday, as a partisan fight over a congressional investigation of the Republican president deepened.

Biden, who is at the center of a controversy over Trump's dealings with Ukraine that led congressional Democrats to open an impeachment inquiry, had refrained from making an outright plea for impeachment. He said in an opinion piece over the weekend that he would let Congress do its job on impeachment.

During a campaign stop in New Hampshire, the current Democratic front-runner to face Trump in the presidential election took the gloves off.

"With his words and his actions, President Trump has indicted himself. By obstructing justice, refusing to reply with a congressional inquiry, he's already convicted himself," Biden said. "In full view of the world and the American people, Donald Trump has violated his oath of office, betrayed this nation and committed impeachable acts."

"To preserve our Constitution, our democracy, our basic integrity, he should be impeached."

Trump responded in real time on Twitter, using one of his nicknames for Biden.

"So pathetic to see Sleepy Joe Biden, who with his son, Hunter, and to the detriment of the American Taxpayer, has ripped off at least two countries for millions of dollars, calling for my impeachment – and I did nothing wrong."

The Democratic-led House of Representatives began impeachment proceedings against Trump last month over his attempts to have Ukraine's president investigate Biden and his son, Hunter Biden, who was on the board of a Ukrainian gas company.

Despite Trump's allegations, made without providing evidence, that Biden engaged in improper dealings in Ukraine, there are few signs the controversy has damaged the Democratic former vice president's 2020 prospects.

Public opinion polls, including those taken by Reuters/Ipsos, have shown Biden's support remaining relatively stable.

The White House on Tuesday declared its refusal to cooperate with the impeachment probe, describing it as a partisan attempt to hobble the president.

> **"To preserve our Constitution, our democracy, our basic integrity, he should be impeached."**
>
> Joe Biden

The three congressional committees leading the inquiry were working on final arrangements on Wednesday to interview a U.S. intelligence officer who filed a whistleblower complaint that led to their investigation.

The State Department this week abruptly blocked the U.S. ambassador to the European Union, who had been in touch with Ukrainian officials on Trump's behalf from speaking to the inquiry.

The investigation is focused on whether Trump used almost $400 million in congressionally approved aid to Ukraine as leverage to pressure Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky to begin an investigation of the Bidens.

Trump has denied wrongdoing and defended a July 25 phone call to Zelensky. REUTERS

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Bernie Sanders: Will not scale down campaign after heart attack - NBC interview

2020 presidential hopeful Bernie Sanders, 78, suffered a heart attack last week. REUTERS

U.S. Senator Bernie Sanders said on Wednesday he does not intend to scale back his presidential campaigning after a heart attack, saying he had not intended to give the impression he was slowing down.

"I misspoke the other day. I said a word I should not have said and the media drives me a little bit nuts to make a big deal about it," Sanders said in an interview with NBC News. "We're going to get back into the groove of a very vigorous campaign. I love doing rallies and I love doing town meetings."

"I want to start off slower and build up and build up and build up."

day that he had wrongly ignored warning signs about his health. He said he would still actively campaign but could "change the nature of the campaign a bit" and "make sure that I have the strength to do what I have to do."

In the NBC interview, Sanders rejected criticism that his campaign was not forthright about the heart attack, since it initially told reporters there was a blockage in his artery.

"That's nonsense," he said, explaining he and his family were dealing with multiple doctors and trying to figure out what had happened–not what to tell the media.

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Bernie Sanders

Sanders, 78, who is one of the top three contenders among the 19 Democrats seeking to take on Republican President Donald Trump in the November 2020 election, suffered chest pains on Oct. 1 while in Nevada for a campaign stop and abruptly canceled campaign events.

He told reporters outside his home in Burlington, Vermont, on Tuesday that he had wrongly ignored warning signs about his health. He said he would still actively campaign but could "change the nature of the campaign a bit" and "make sure that I have the strength to do what I have to do."

Sanders, the oldest candidate in the Democratic field, told NBC he planned to release all of his medical records, but did not say when. He plans on participating in next week's fourth Democratic presidential debate.

"I'm healthy and we're going to run a vigorous campaign and we're going to win this thing," he said. REUTERS

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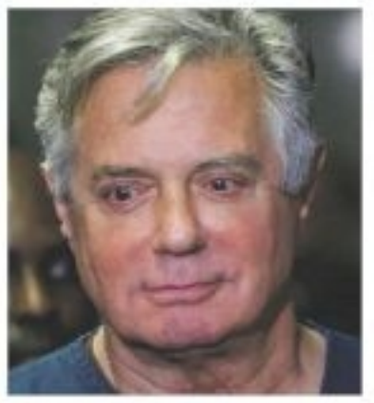
Ex-Trump aide Manafort not shielded by earlier conviction for similar crimes: N.Y. prosecutors

Former Trump campaign chairman Paul Manafort must face mortgage fraud charges against him in New York, even though he is already serving a prison sentence after being convicted of similar federal crimes, New York state prosecutors said on Wednesday.

Manafort's lawyers had sought to dismiss the state charges in September, arguing that they subjected him to illegal double jeopardy, or prosecution of a person twice for the same offense.

"We continue to believe that the indictment should be dismissed in its entirety for the reasons stated in our motion," said Todd Blanche, a lawyer forManafort.

"Notably, the District Attorney does not contest that the New York case arises out of the same transaction as the conduct for which Mr. Manafortwas previously prosecuted by the Special Counsel. As we previously argued, we do not believe any exception under New York law applies and the indictment should be dismissed."


Former Trump campaign chairman Paul Manafort. REUTERS

However, the office of Manhattan District Attorney Cyrus Vance said in a court filing that double jeopardy did not apply because the jury inManafort's federal trial was hung on some of the charges, and because New York's mortgage fraud laws were designed to protect homeowners, while federal law was aimed at protecting banks.

The state case, Vance's office said, is "exactly the type of prosecution that New York's double jeopardy statute explicitly permits: a successive prosecution where the harms caused to New York were not redressed by the prior prosecution."

A lawyer for Manafort could not immediately be reached for comment.

Justice Maxwell Wiley is expected to rule on Manafort's motion on Dec. 18, when Manafort is due to appear in Manhattan Supreme Court.

Manafort faces 16 criminal counts in New York. The charges include mortgage fraud, conspiracy and falsifying records related to his efforts to obtain millions of dollars in loans on properties in New York and elsewhere between 2015 and 2017. REUTERS

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Cancer Express your thoughts. Socializing will lead to exciting encounters that will spark your imagination. Personal gains should be priorities.

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Virgo Expand your knowledge. Listen and experiment. Getting together with people who share your beliefs will encourage you to do something that will improve your life.

Libra Problems at home can be solved with a little understanding. Listen to what others propose and consider where you fit into what needs to be done.

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Saying that the comedic universe that both Tim Heidecker and Gregg Turkington have created with their long-running Adult Swim series "On Cinema at the Cinema" is daunting would be a huge understatement. But as the show is now entering it's 11th season of the two "film buffs" poorly dissecting the hit movies of the day and continuously creating thick clouds of awkward tension, there is one central strain of human behavior the two comedians are always interested in exploring: the know it all who really knows nothing after all.

With their new film, "Mister America", Heidecker and Turkington -- along with director and co-writer Eric Notarnicola -- pick up with the character of "Tim Heidecker" after clearing his name of a murder charge he was facing after 20 teenagers died at a music festival he had put on after using vape samples he had passed out for free. The court case was, of course, aired as a non-stop C-SPAN style special on Adult Swim's website. Drunk on his power of winning this case after representing himself in court, Heidecker decides to run for the position of District Attorney of San Bernardino, CA and take the seat of the current DA who tried to put him away, Vincent Rosetti -- whom Heidecker refers to as a "rat" in his campaign and in the press.

The power-hungry and self-righteous character that Heidecker has cultivated after all of these years of splintering off into new ventures from his tiny film review show has finally turned into the monster we all feared he might become. But in many ways, he has some of the same desires that both our politicians and public figures have today.

"The no-self awareness that a lot of politicians and a lot of public figures have and their audacity," says Heidecker on the ripped from life inspirations behind his anti-hero version of himself. "Also," he adds, "we are interested in people with no talent who have this continuous drive to push forward despite their lack of ability. Also, we always love watching people fail and watching people lose. At the beginning of this film we thought let's never raise the stakes to a place where you'd think there's a chance that he could win... something we haven't really seen is somebody so outside of the system running for something and the audience is way ahead of it."

What sets this film apart from other spin-offs of the "On Cinema" universe, like Tim's Jack Bauer-esque TV show "Dekkar", is that the film is, supposedly, being made by a student filmmaker who is interested in Heidecker's campaign and the scandal following him after narrowly escaping jail-time for all of those

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vape-based murders.

Of course, the young filmmaker had to reach out to one of Heidecker's most credible character witnesses, his co-host of "On Cinema", "Gregg Turkington". Throughout the film Turkington, in typical fashion, would much rather spout out pointless film trivia facts, lavishing his camera time to further build up his brand as an aficionado. But as the film reaches its heated showdown between the two, you see that both are blinded in different ways by their pursuits to obtain different kinds of power. And failing miserably, of course.

"I think we both have our own agendas. We're really two sides of the same coin. Tim is more of a go-getter who makes things happen. Both of us have things that we are trying to do and are going to use whatever it takes to make it happen. I think there are folks that have an unearned confidence. I've met people that have inspired my character where I'll say, 'I cannot believe how confident and sure of yourself you are when you've done literally nothing.' I don't know where that comes from! I've done a lot of things but I don't have that kind of confidence. Most people I know in the arts or any field don't have that kind of confidence. If I were to make a list of people who were most confident, a lot of them would be people who have done nothing. It's this weird delusion and it's unshakeable," explains Turkington with a laugh.

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"The two guys are such experts, or say that they are experts, and have intractable opinions on things, are very self-righteous," adds Heidecker. "But when it comes time to actually do things or make things, there is no display of understanding of how things of quality should be made."

"Mister America" will be in select theaters this Friday. For showtimes and more information, head over to misteramericafilm.com.

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Where you need to eat according to Philly's "Food Detective"

Author Irene Levy Baker dishes on her current favorite restaurants and meals.

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Irene Levy Baker PROVIDED

Irene Levy Baker has literally written the book on eating in Philly. But it's not just about how the food tastes that makes it memorable or worthy of being featured in her book "Unique Eats and Eateries of Philadelphia". It's the stories behind the dish or the restaurant as a whole. While searching for these stories, Baker has spent the last 25 years eating her way through various neighborhoods and has an uncanny memory for all the morsels she's encountered.

Baker sat down with Metro to talk about the restaurant openings she's excited about, her favorite spots in Reading Terminal Market and her ideal day spent eating around Philly.

So what's your formula for how to eat at new restaurants?

I don't consider myself a food critic because I don't rate restaurants. I tell stories, so that's why I call myself a "food detective". I'm not the person that orders the lamb chop at every single place to compare it. I tend to order whatever their signature dish is as well as anything on the menu that jumps out at me, but it's more about the story. Sometimes I know what it is when I'm going in. Sometimes I don't know at all, or I think I know what it is and then it ends up being something completely different.

What new restaurants are on your list?

I walked into Condesa at the Pod Hotel and can't wait to have dinner there, but I usually wait to visit new restaurants until a couple of weeks after the grand opening. I'm also excited for Spreadquarters at 24th and Walnut and a new ramen place called Maple at 21st and Chestnut.

What do you grab when you're at Reading Terminal Market?

I love the butter cake at Flying Monkey… or anything there. I always go to Bassett's Ice Cream. They're the oldest ice cream makers in the U.S. I also love Hershel's East Side Deli. One time, I was there with my parents.

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We sat down and split a corned beef sandwich and the owner came over. My mother said, "She's writing a book about food and restaurants!" This was embarrassing at first, but then it turned out to be a wonderful thing. [Owner] Steven Safern started telling his story. When his grandparents were in Poland and the Nazis invaded, his uncle Hershel ran home to grab the family, but could only get his little brother, who is Steven's father. They escaped and came to the United States. So Steven named the deli after his uncle who saved his father in the Holocaust, and Hershel was his hero.

How would you spend an ideal day eating around Philadelphia?
I would start with breakfast at Metropolitan Cafe for their baked goods, and walk over to Rival Bros. and get a cup of coffee.

For lunch I would definitely go to Reading Terminal Market and get that corned beef sandwich from Hersehl's, and wash it down with an ice cream cone at Bassett's.

For dinner, I would go to a place like Palizzi Social Club lamb chops and pasta, or Saté Kampar for their goat sate. Then I would stop at Rim Cafe for a volcano hot chocolate. The last stop would be to go for a drink at a speakeasy at Hop Sing Laundromat or 1 Tippling Place.

Best neighborhood for Philly restaurants right now?
Fishtown, it's unbelievable right now. So many interesting and edgy restaurants like Suraya, Pizzeria Beddia, Front Street Cafe and Cake Life. One of my favorite things to do is to pick a neighborhood and have a "progressive dinner", or eating at two or three restaurants You eat a couple of things and move on to the next place. It's sad that you can only eat so much in one day.

Most underrated restaurant?
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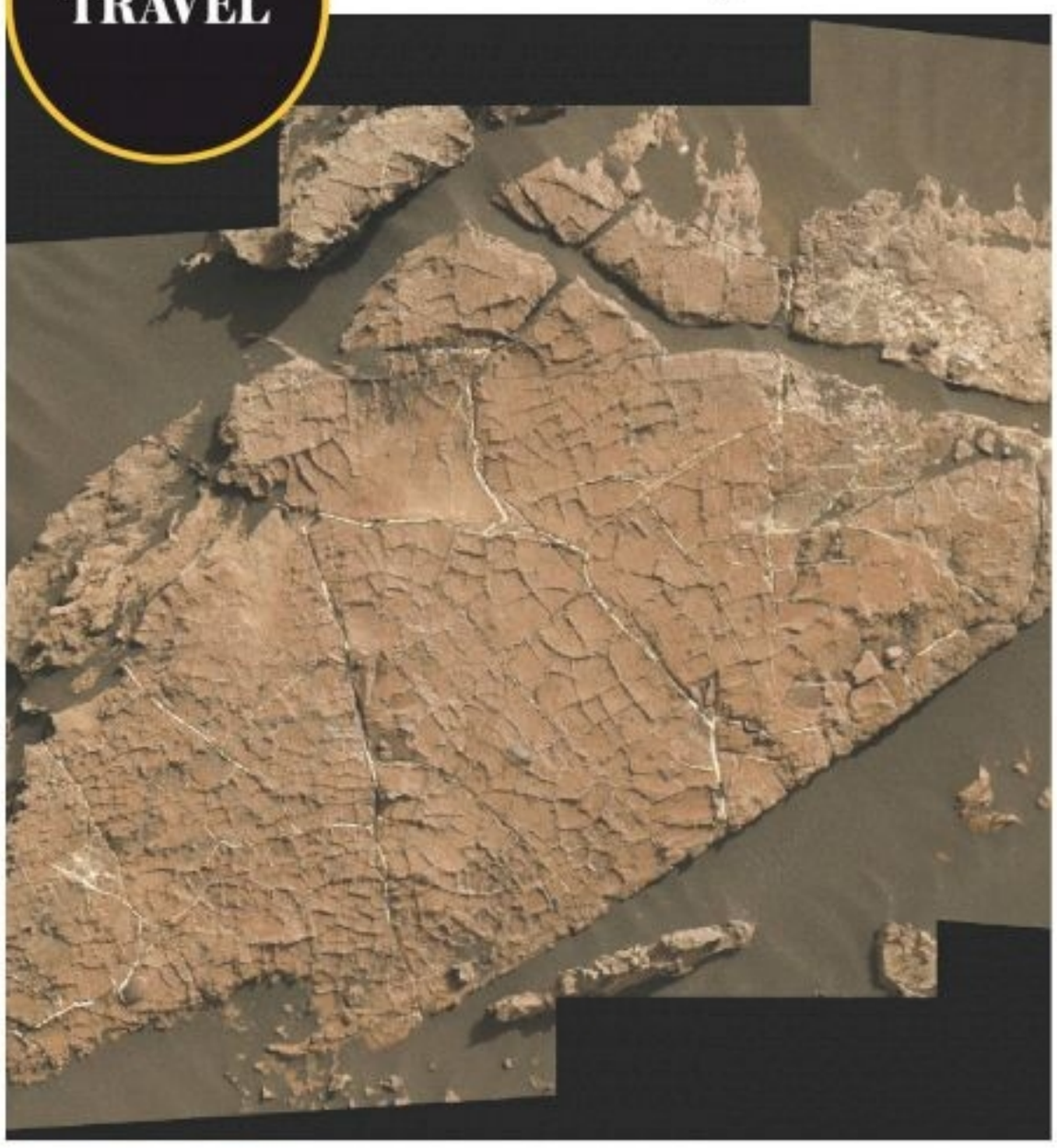
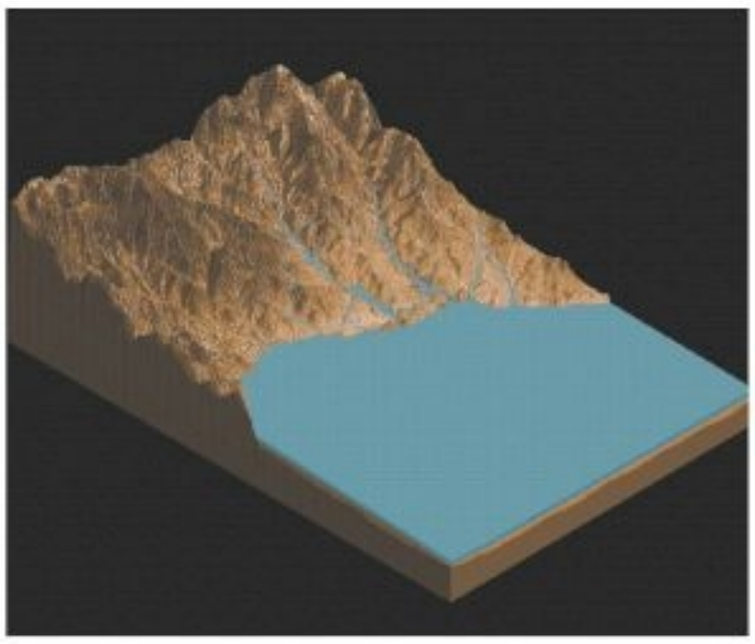
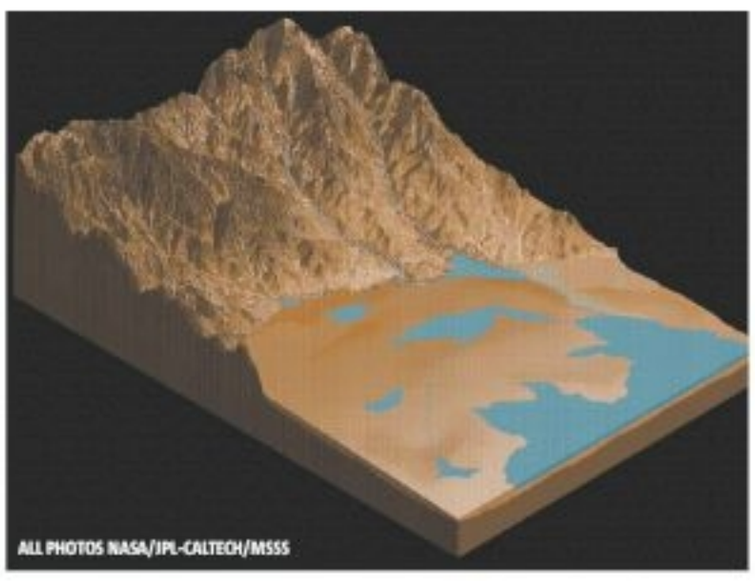
Curiosity finds an ancient oasis on Mars







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A glance into the past

During the last trip through the Gale Crater on Mars, NASA's Curiosity Rover discovered evidence that makes scientists believe that there was an oasis at its base. Experts have described the possibility of a Martian past in a report recently published in Nature Geoscience magazine, in which they highlighted the study of rocks enriched with mineral salts found at that place. MWN

Martian climate has changed

The evidence found by Curiosity and analyzed by scientists shows the possibility that climate on Mars has drastically changed. The natural events might have transformed the wetter environment of the planet into the frozen desert that it is now. Experts are now investigating how long this transition took and when it occurred. MWN

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The 5-0 Patriots are set to roll over the 2-3 Giants tonight at Gillette Stadium, but will they be 17 points better?

New England is 3-2 against mostly massive spreads this season, while the G-Men are 2-3 ATS. New England could easily be 5-0 ATS right now if not for two fluke touchdowns allowed in a 30-14 win over the Jets in Week 3 (muffed punt recovery, pick-6 by backup QB Jarrett Stidham in garbage time), and a missed extra point in a 16-10 road win over the Bills in Week 4.

Seventeen points seems like a fair number here considering the Giants offense will be missing Saquon Barkley, Evan Engram and Sterling Shepard. New England's defense is historically great through five weeks, having allowed a measly 6.8 points per game this year. The second best defense in the NFL (Chicago) is allowing over double that (13.8).

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The Pats defense has not allowed a single passing touchdown this season, making it really hard to fathom how in the world rookie Daniel Jones can put six points on the board this evening.

Also going against the Giants in this one is that their defense is 28th in the NFL in passing yards allowed per game (279.4) and the Big Blue D is 23rd in the league in yards allowed on the ground (130.0).

It's supposed to be really sloppy in Foxboro tonight, with buckets of rain in the forecast, so that could be the Giants' one saving grace as they hope for a low-scoring affair.

Still, Tom Brady and the Patriots have shown many times over the years that they are not against airing it out in less-than-ideal conditions. In fact, the Patriots largest victory in the Brady era came during a snow storm at home in 2010, when they blasted the Titans, 59-0.

The Patriots also still have never really exacted revenge for their two Super Bowl losses to the Giants. All of the main Super Bowl characters from the Giants are now gone – with Tom Coughlin in Jacksonville and Eli Manning now riding the pine, but you can bet "Mr. Long Memory" Bill Belichick wouldn't mind rubbing the Giants noses in the mud with an all-time blowout.

The play: Patriots -17

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Someone said Baker Mayfield is Tim Tebow without Jesus.

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NFL Week 6 betting: Panthers vs. Bucs

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The Panthers are 3-0 and averaging 29.3 points per game since Kyle Allen took over under center for the injured Cam Newton. But running back Christian McCaffrey deserves the lion's share of the credit as he's accumulated 866 yards from scrimmage this year, the second-highest total through five games in NFL history behind only Jim Brown. However, McCaffrey will face resistance on the ground from the Buccaneers' second-ranked run stoppers by yards allowed per game (69.8). Meanwhile, Jameis Winston will likely be under siege throughout this game by Carolina's fearsome pass rush, which is second in the league in sacks (20). Two of Tampa Bay's starting linemen, Alex Cappa and Demar Dotson, have been ruled out of this contest. The Under has cashed in six of the last seven meetings between these two clubs; bettors should ride the wave.

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The play: Panthers vs. Buccaneers Under

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Eagles can blame Phillies for rough October road trip

The Eagles will spend the rest of October on the road. Why? The NFL was banking on the Phillies.

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The NFL scheduled the Eagles' three-game road trip because they thought the Phillies would be in the playoffs. GETTY IMAGES

Following their Week 5 cupcake of a home game against the New York Jets — a comprehensive 31-6 victory — the Philadelphia Eagles are staring down the barrel of their most difficult portion of the 2019 schedule.

For the next three weeks, the Eagles will be on the road where they'll be visiting their fair share of daunting opponents.

Sunday provides a matchup with the Minnesota Vikings, who soundly defeated the New York Giants in Week 5 while providing an opportunity for the team's dangerous-looking offense to get back on track. The Vikings have no shortage of weapons with the likes of running back Dalvin Cook alongside receivers Adam Thielen and Stefon Diggs. The problem has been the playcalling of head coach Mike Zimmer and the confidence issues of Kirk Cousins properly distributing the ball to those pass-catching targets.

After a 300-yard passing effort — 130 of those going to Thielen — Cousins could be finding his groove, which could be bad news for an Eagles secondary that has made some promising steps in the right direction. However, questions of their long-standing legitimacy remain.

It doesn't get easier as an enormous divisional matchup with the Dallas Cowboys at AT&T Stadium follows on Sunday night (Oct. 20). After two successive losses, the Cowboys have plummeted from Super Bowl contenders to overrated pretenders and will be keen on restating their divisional intentions against the Eagles. They have a tune-up game at the Meadowlands against the lowly Jets.

From Dallas, the Eagles head to western New York to face a Buffalo Bills team that is one of the early surprises in the NFL.

With a 4-1 start — albeit against an easier schedule — the Bills are boasting one of the top defenses in the NFL. Buffalo ranks third in points and total yards allowed while giving up the second-fewest passing touchdowns in the league.

They also have a cushy schedule leading up to their Week 8 matchup with the Eagles, with a bye week this Sunday followed by a home game against the Miami Dolphins, who may become one of the worst teams in NFL history.

That's a brutal stretch for the Eagles, who have their baseball-playing neighbors, the Phillies, to thank for this.

Back in April, NBC's Peter King reported that the NFL gave the Eagles this October schedule because of "Bryce Harper and the Phils."

The league was expecting the Phillies to make the playoffs after acquiring the superstar right fielder — an understandable notion considering the team looked loaded to make a serious run at not only the NL East crown, but a pennant.

Considering that Lincoln Financial Field, home of the Eagles, is across the street from the Phillies' Citizens Bank Park, there was a good chance that there would be Sunday postseason games in the City of Brotherly Love this month that would have presented quite a scheduling conflict.

It's happened twice before over the last 11 years. The Eagles played an Oct. 26, 2008 home game at 1 p.m. just hours before the Phillies hosted Game 4 of the World Series against the Tampa Bay Rays.

Two years later, the Eagles played opener for another Phillies main act, Game 2 of the 2010 NLCS against the San Francisco Giants.

The problem is that the Phillies didn't live up to those expectations in 2019. An 81-81 season saw the team miss the postseason for the eighth-straight season, forcing the Eagles to experience this difficult road trip for no good reason.

Of course, the Eagles will be compensated for their October troubles. They'll play five of their final eight games of the season at home, but it will still include matchups against the New England Patriots, Chicago Bears, Seattle Seahawks and Cowboys.

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Experienced manager would be new for Phils

It's still unclear whether or not the Phillies will fire manager Gabe Kapler after two seasons in the coming days.

Owner John Middleton is building up every ounce of anticipation as he continues his inquiry, investigation, whatever you want to call it, regarding the 44-year-old's future with the club.

While the baseball world waits, rumors have begun to swirl about Kapler's possible replacements even though he hasn't even been shown the door.

Reports on Tuesday revealed that the team and veteran manager Buck Showalter are mutually interested in each other while Dusty Baker's name was also floated out there.

The two have a combined 42 years of managerial experience at the major-league level — albeit, no World Series rings between them.

While there has been no official move made, the prospect of adding a Showalter or Baker provides something the Phillies have never had: A manager with experience.

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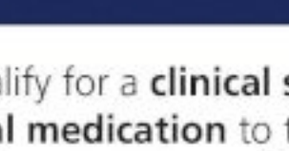

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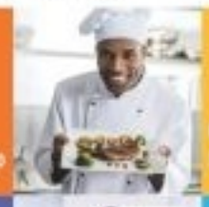

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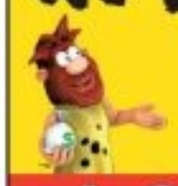

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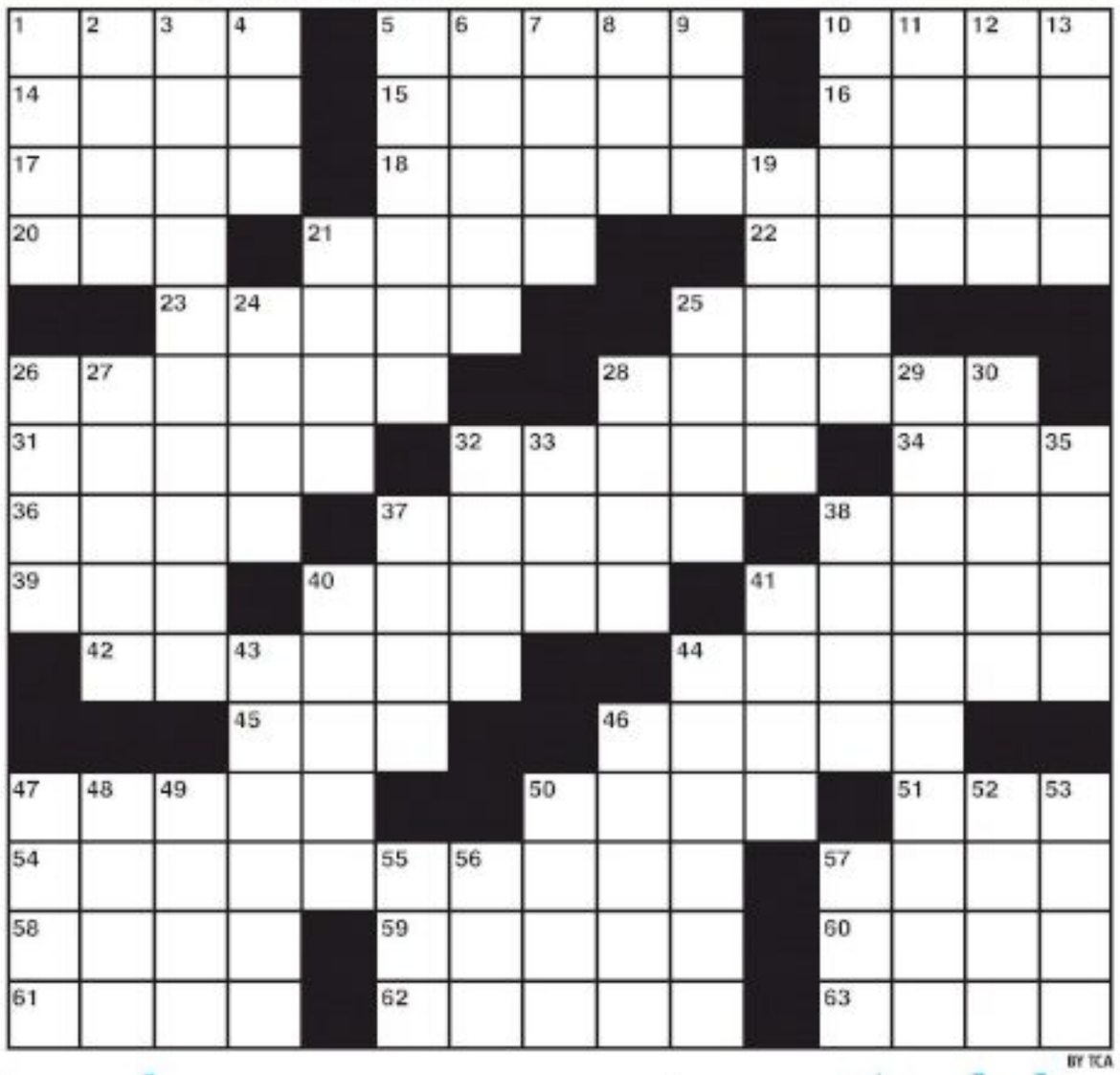
10 Male animal
14 Send a quick note to
15 Luau greeting
16 __ avail; uselessly
17 __ up; quit talking
18 Alikeness
20 "__ Anybody Seen My Gal?"
21 Pleasant
22 Good wood for rafts
23 T-Mobile store purchase
25 __ alai
26 Artificial; false
28 Outdoor meal
31 Is a breadwinner
32 Blackboard writer's "pen"
34 Apple computer
36 Bench board
37 "Seek and ye __ find"
38 Lively
39 Tit for __
40 Knife part
41 Metal threads
42 Road construction sign
44 Most recent
45 Two months ago: abbr.
46 Realtor's delights
47 __ off; disregard
50 Stare openmouthed
51 Cry
54 Friendly
57 Headfirst plunge
58 Part of the foot
59 Still breathing
60 __ the moon; elated
61 Farm animal
62 __ from; talk out of
63 Portable shelter

DOWN
1 Reason to use Cortaid
2 Fashion designer Oscar __ Renta
3 Irritate greatly
4 Money source, for short
5 Vegas attraction
6 Wonderland visitor
7 "It's all Greek __!"
8 Actor McBride
9 Actor Linden
10 Overexert
11 Work hard
12 Household pests
13 Spanish romantic artist
19 Taken __; surprised
21 Gives a silent assent
24 Actress Helen
25 Hill climber of nursery rhyme
26 Nuisance
27 Dinner course
28 Like pastel shades
29 Remarkable; notable
30 Is concerned
32 Blacken
33 3rd word in "Old MacDonald"
35 Abnormal sac
37 Punch
38 Word attached to web or camp
40 Tree limb
41 Go on foot
43 Instructed
44 Attorney
46 Ointment
47 Obstacle
48 Sandwich type
49 Costa __
50 "True __"; John Wayne film
52 Jenn-Air appliance
53 Ernie's buddy
55 Rotten
56 Spanish shout
57 On the __; punctual



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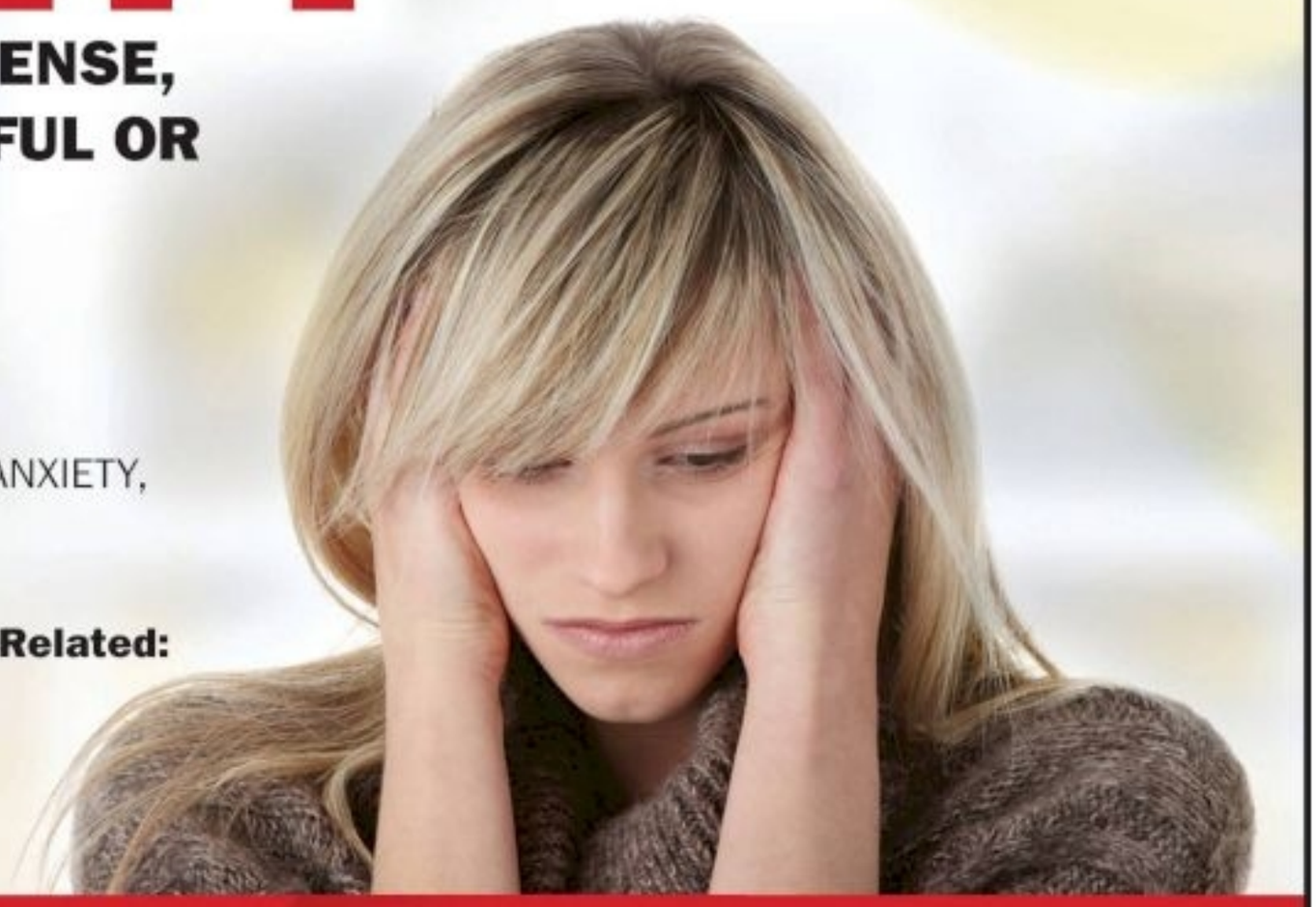

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